GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:408
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CONDUCTING OF DEFENCE SERVICE EXAM IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to introduce Hindi as one of the medium of defence service recruitment examinations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this decision will put the aspiring candidates from the Hindi region at an advantageous position;

(d) if so, whether the Government consider to include all the recognised regional languages as a medium of defence service recruitment examinations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 408 FOR 4.12.2003

The question papers of National Defence Academy (NDA), Naval Academy (NA) and Combined Defence Services (CDS) examinations are objective type in nature and printed only in English medium. Based on the resolution passed by Kendriya Hindi Samiti, it has been decided on 11.9.2003 that candidates appearing in NDA, NA and CDS examinations conducted by UPSC may be allowed the option of using Hindi Medium also. Government have decided to print the question papers for both these examinations, except the question papers on English language, bilingually .

2. The question of introduction of all the languages included in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution of India as medium of various examinations conducted by UPSC has been under consideration of the Government keeping in view the recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee in this regard. Efforts are on to arrive at a consensus on this sensitive issue based on the recommendations of the committee.